only if sponsored by the Ministries or Departments of Government of India/State Government/UT Administration/organisation of employees belonging to eligible categories, subject to fulfilment of terms and conditions which *inter-alia* include availability of 15 acres of land free of cost, concentration of atleast 1000 employees of Central Government/Defence Services, availability of atleast 200 children for admission to various classes, rent free temporary accommodation for running the Vidyalaya until permanent building comes up and provision of residential accommodation to atleast 50% of staff of proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya at the station concerned. Opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, one per district, is considered if preferably 30 acres of suitable land free of cost is made available; and rent free sufficient buildings and other infrastructure temporary or on permanent basis capable of accommodating 240 students and staff for three to four years for running the Vidyalaya is provided till the Samiti constructs its own building at the permanent site. The land for permanent building should have technical clearance after verifying the suitability of land. The open schools at State level are not opened by Central Government. However, as per the policy adopted by NOS a total grant of Rs. 25 lakhs can be provided to any State Government intending to establish State Open Schools.

(b) and (c) Due to budgetary constraints, no new Kendriya Vidyalaya is being opened at present. NVS plans to open 3 new schools in Assam during Tenth Five Year Plan. In so far as Open Schools are concerned NOS gives only grant to states if they want to establish State level Open Schools.

FDI in education sector

412. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding more foreign capital investment in the education sector of the country is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the names of the departments of the education sector wherein foreign capital investment is likely to be permitted under the proposal togetherwith the percentage of the investment thereof; and

(c) the names of the areas of the education in the country wherein foreign capital has been invested in real sense togetherwith the quantum of capital thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Evaluation of books by religious leaders

413. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some of the books published recently by NCERT had a lot of errors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of the reported removal of errors by NCERT a number of errors are still existing;

(c) whether it is a fact that now the scholars of NCERT are getting their books evaluated and supported by the spiritual leaders; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government on these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) As per the information provided by NCERT, there were some errors in the new textbooks. These errors were broadly of four types namely, typographical, language, factual and those of omissions of some factual information. Those errors which came to the notice of NCERT have been corrected wherever found necessary. Review/modification of textbooks is a regular activity of NCERT. As such errors, as and when come to the notice of NCERT, are duly corrected. NCERT does not get its books evaluated by spiritual leaders.